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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: NOVEMBER 6 PLENARY SESSION

1. AT THE EIGHTY-THIRD PLENARY MEETING OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, UK REP ROSE DELIVERED THE ONLY STATEMENT, WHICH CONCENTRATED ON THE DESTABILIZING DISPARITIES WHICH CHARACTERIZE THE EAST-WEST FORCE RELATIONSHIP IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THE MAIN POINTS OF ROSE'S PRESENTATION WERE:

A. SINCE TWO YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA HAVE BROUGHT LITTLE PROGRESS TOWARDS AGREEMENT, PARTICIPANTS MORE THAN EVER NEED TO FOCUS ON THE FACTS OF THE EXISTING MILITARY SITUATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

B. THE PRESENT RELATIONSHIP

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IN THE AREA IS UNSTABLE AND UNEQUAL, MARKED PARTICULARLY

BY SUBSTANTIAL AND DESTABILIZING IMBALANCES FAVORING  
THE EAST IN GROUND FORCE MANPOWER AND TANKS.

C. THE EFFECTS OF THESE DISPARITIES ARE MAGNIFIED  
BY THE FACTS OF GEOGRAPHY AS THEY RELATE TO THE US  
AND USSR.

D. MOREOVER, THE EAST WILL GAIN FURTHER ADVANTAGES  
FROM THE CONTINUING LIMITATIONS ON FORCES WITHIN THE  
AREA WHICH ANY AGREEMENT WILL CREATE.

E. EASTERN CLAIMS THAT THESE DISPARITIES ARE "AN  
ARTIFICIAL CONCEPTION" AND EFFORTS TO REINTERPRET THE  
FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 1973 TO SUPPORT THE EAST'S  
REDUCTIONS PROGRAM ARE UNJUSTIFIED AND NOT HELPFUL IN  
REACHING AGREEMENT.

F. THE EASTERN PROGRAM, IF ACCEPTED, WOULD PERPETUATE  
THE EAST'S MILITARY ADVANTAGES AND INTERFERE WITH THE  
WORKING OF NATO'S INTEGRATED MULTINATIONAL DEFENSE  
SYSTEM, THEREBY DIMINISHING WESTERN SECURITY.

G. WESTERN PROPOSALS, ON THE OTHER HAND, CORRESPOND TO  
THE AGREED OBJECTIVES OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND ALSO  
ARE AIMED AT SAFEGUARDING THE SECURITY OF THE FLANK  
COUNTRIES.

H. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COLLECTIVE COMMON CEILING  
AS PROPOSED BY THE WEST WOULD REPRESENT THE BEST BASIS  
FOR A STABLE RELATIONSHIP AND THE SUREST MEANS OF  
STRENGTHENING PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE.

2. THE FULL TEXT OF THE UK STATEMENT FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.RESOR

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